

In the Supreme Court of the State of Alaska

Ralph Loren Barenz II,

Petitioner,

V.

State of Alaska,

Respondent.

Supreme Court No. **S-17487**

Order

Date of Order: **July 1, 2019**

Trial Court Case # 3PA-14-02277CR

Ralph Loren Barenz II, a prisoner engaged in litigation against the State, has moved for an exemption of the normal filing fee for this appeal.

Under AS 9.19.010(d), even when a prisoner can not afford to pay the normal filing fee, the filing fee must be at least 20 percent of (1) the average monthly amount of deposits to the prisoner's account during the preceding six months or (2) the average monthly balance of the prisoner's account during the preceding six months, whichever is greater.

Based on the information submitted to this Court, the average monthly amount of deposits to Mr. Barenz's prisoner account for the months of December 2018 through June 2019 was \$126.53, and the average monthly balance in that account during the same period was \$58.22. Taking the larger of these figures (as required by the statute), Mr. Barenz's filing fee must be at least 20 percent of \$25.31.

It is the practice of this Court to round filing fees up to the nearest 25 cents. Thus, Mr. Barenz's filing fee for this appeal shall be \$25.50.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED:

1. Mr. Barenz's motion for an exemption to the normal filing fee is GRANTED in part.

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2. Mr. Barenz shall pay a reduced filing fee of \$25.50. This fee must be paid within 30 days of this order. If there is good reason, the Court may grant an extension of this deadline. If Mr. Barenz fails to pay the reduced filing fee within the time allowed, her appeal will be rejected for filing and this case will be closed.

Entered at the direction of an individual justice.

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